

Thoughts on Bike touring, Presented to the Harrisburg Bicycle Club, January 11, 2017

Best Bicycle Magazine for touring information – Adventure Cycling <https://www.adventurecycling.org>

Tours organized by others

- Friends
- Bike Clubs
 - Harrisburg Bike Club, Fall Tour, Finger Lakes, Spring Fling, etc.
- Non-profits
 - Adventure Cycling Routes, Maps, Various types of tours, Equipment <https://www.adventurecycling.org>
 - Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) <https://www.road scholar.org/find-an-adventure>
 - Bicycle Adventure Club <http://www.bicycleadventureclub.org/html/rides/> The Bicycle Adventure Club (BAC) is a non-profit, bicycle touring club for serious cyclists run by its 1,500 volunteer members.
- Tour companies
 - Wilderness Voyageurs www.wilderness-voyageurs.com
 - VBT, Backroads, Trek, etc. <http://www.traveltowellness.com/biking-cycling-tour-companies>
 - Cruise ship bike tours such as Santana <http://santanaadventures.com/events/>, Bike and Cruise <http://www.bikeandcruise.com/>, etc.
 - Bike tour costs <http://www.biketour-reviews.com/Bike-Chart-Comparison.htm>
 - Commercial Use Licenses
 - Single Supplements (“separate beds”)
- Types of tour
 - On your own
 - Camping --Haul own gear, support vehicle transport gear, Camping service such as Comfy Campers comfycampers.info/, Bubba’s Pampered Pedalers www.bubbaspamperedpedalers.com/
 - Motel/Hotel/B&Bs
 - Warm Showers, <https://www.warmshowers.org/> List of cyclists who offer their hospitality towards other touring cyclists.
 - Stealth Camping <http://bicyclehobo.com/stealth-camping/>
 - Big groups (Lots)
 - RTC Sojourn <http://www.railstotrails.org/experience-trails/sojourns/2017-ride/>
 - Bike Florida <https://bikeflorida.org/gg-tour-2017/>
 - Bike Virginia <http://bikevirginia.org/2017-tour/>
 - RAGBRAI <http://ragbrai.com/>
 - Other cross state bicycle tours <http://www.bikingbis.com/across-state-bicycle-tours/>
 - Small groups
 - B&Bs advance your luggage for you – Katy Trail
 - Short duration
 - Cross Country adventures
 - Women’s Tours <http://www.womantours.com/> and others
 - Custom tours, custom departures
 - Tours supporting causes such as ACS PA Hope Ride <https://www.facebook.com/PAHOPERIDE/> , Ride 2 Recovery http://r2r.convio.net/site/PageNavigator/honor_ride_landing.html

An unique resource – TrailGuide for the Great Allegheny Passage and Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Towpath <https://gaptrailstore.org/collections/featured-products/products/trailguide-12th-edition>. Describes the route and gives you suggested itineraries if you are guiding yourself, as well as lists of lodgings, shops, restaurants, shuttles, tour operators, etc.

Equipment

- Bike
 - Bring yourself, Rent or ship
- Panniers
- Trailers

Resources

- Books
- Internet
 - Blogs

Preparation

- Routes
- Bike computers
- Training

SAG support

- Health issues
- Mechanical issues
- Riders of different riding abilities

Route navigation

- Maps
- Bike Garmins
- Cue sheets
- Route markings
- "Ragbrai"

Tipping

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